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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: PLO PERMANENT OBSERVER TERZI LISTENED CAREFULLY TO EXPLANATION OF WHY DUAL HATS FOR HASSAN RAHMAN IS UNSATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT WHICH APPLIES EQUALLY TO TERZI'S EARLIER SUGGESTION FOR PERIODICALLY REMOVING ONE OF RAHMAN'S HATS DEPENDING ON LATTER'S PHYSICAL LOCATION (REFTEL). TERZI ACKNOWLEDGED WITHOUT HESITATION THAT PRESENT ARRANGEMENT WAS LESS THAN IDEAL NOT THE LEAST OF REASONS BEING THAT THE INCREASED WORK LOADS OF THE OBSERVER MISSION AND INFORMATION OFFICE NECESSITATED ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL. HE CONCLUDED THAT SEPARATING AND AUGMENTING THE TWO STAFFS WAS REFLECTED IN HIS NEW BUDGET REQUEST WHICH HE HOPED WOULD BE APPROVED AT PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING IN FEBRUARY. END SUMMARY.

2. MISOFF MET WITH PLO PERMANENT OBSERVER TERZI IN DIM CORNER OF DELEGATE'S LOUNGE ON JANUARY 18 FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF HOUR. MISOFF REVIEWED IN FULL THE REASONS PRESENT PRACTICE OF RAHMAN WORKING AS DEPUTY PERMANENT OBSERVER AND DIRECTOR OF PLO INFORMATION OFFICE IS UNSATISFACTORY. MISOFF ADDED THAT EARLIER PROPOSAL OF TERZI
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IS EQUALLY UNSATISFACTORY, I.E., WHEN RAHMAN IS OUTSIDE OF THE UN PREMISES HE WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS FUNCTIONING AS A FOREIGN AGENT UNDER THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT, AND WHEN WITHIN THE UN COMPLEX HE WOULD BE WORKING AS TERZI'S DEPUTY.

3. TERZI REGISTERED NO SURPRISE FOLLOWING MISOFF'S

PRESENTATION AND REMARKED THAT FRANKLY MOST ACUTE PROBLEM WAS THAT OF AN INCREASED WORK LOAD IN BOTH OFFICES. HE NOTED THAT RAHMAN IS CALLED UPON TO ADDRESS VARIOUS GROUPS, ATTEND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS OUT OF NEW YORK CITY AND TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE 100,000 PALESTINIANS IN THE US. MEANWHILE TERZI ASSERTED "MY OWN RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE UNITED NATIONS HAVE EXPANDED AS THE PLO'S DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY HERE CONTINUES TO GROW." TERZI SAID HE HAS RECOMMENDED AN INCREASED BUDGET TO THE PLAESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL (PNC) TO INCLUDE THREE OR FOUR ADDITIONAL STAFF PERSONNEL IN NEW YORK. ONE OR TWO ASSISTANTS FOR BOTH RAHMAN AND FOR HIMSELF. TERZI SAID HE IS HOPEFUL THAT PNC WHEN IT MEETS NEXT MONTH WILL APPROVE THIS REQUEST.

4. TERZI THEN SUGGESTED THAT WE MEET AGAIN OVER LUNCH WITH OUR RESPECTIVE ATTORNEYS TO DISCUSS THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF SEPARATING THE OBSERVER MISSION AND INFORMATION OFFICES AND PERSONNEL. MISOFF POINTED OUT THAT MEETING IN A UN LOUNGE SEEMED A SATISFACTORY PLACE TO CONDUCT OUR BUSINESS AND MOREOVER THERE SEEMED NO REAL REQUIREMENT TO BRING IN LEGAL COUNSEL ON A LARGELY ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER. TERZI REPLIED THAT HE HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH PLO'S ATTORNEY HERE, ROBERT THABIT, AND LATTER INDICATED HIS AVAILABILITY TO DISCUSS GENERAL QUESTION WITH US OFFICIALS. TERZI CONTINUED THAT WHILE THABIT IN PRINCIPLE SEEMED TO AGREE WITH BENEFITS OF SEPARATING TWO OFFICES AND STAFF THERE MIGHT BE CERTAIN ASPECTS CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR THE ATTORNEYS TO DISCUSS. TERZI THEN ADDED THAT THABIT, A LEBANESE-AMERICAN, WORKS WITHOUT CHARGE FOR THE PLO AND TERZI HOPED THAT BOTH SIDES COULD MEET IN THE NEXT DAYS AT LEAST TO REITERATE AND TO CONFIRM THE PROPOSAL FOR SEPARATION OF PLO MISSION AND INFORMATION OFFICES. MISOFF REPEATED THAT MATTER SHOULD BE DEALT WITH ON PRIORITY BASIS AND ASKED TERZI TO CONSIDER TAKING STEPS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO SEPARATE TWO OFFICES. SHERER

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